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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Kawaguchi, et al.**

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CONTAINING RESIDUE**

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expired on January 31, 2007, please enter this Response and accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed herewith, and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a \$790 RCE fee and \$150 in excess claims fees are due in connection with this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for these fees, and for any other fees, including extension of time fees or additional excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.